



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2009 Biennium

Bill #	SB0226	Title:	Achieving accountability for state elder long-term care
Primary Sponsor:	Moss, Lynda	Status:	As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

	<u>FY 2008 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2009 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2010 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$4,440	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance	<u>(\$4,440)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal Impact:

This bill is an act to affirm “accountability” as a purpose and policy of the state for services for older Montanan and to provide a process to achieve accountability.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. The bill states “The department shall adopt rules, as provided in 52-3-406, on the goals, responsibilities, performance expectations, reporting periods, and evaluation process to be followed.” The Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) currently has rule making authority and under our contracting procedures; DPHHS specifies goals, responsibilities, performance expectations, and reporting periods. This is an annual evaluation process as required under the Older Americans Act. Based on this, we recommend that the word “shall:” in the above be changed to “may”.
2. Rule adoption would take approximately 60 hours from start to finish at a cost of \$74/hour.
3. Funding would be 100% general fund.

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Operating Expenses	\$4,440	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$4,440	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$4,440)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Technical Notes:

1. The provisions of this bill are already in place either under current state statute or under the provisions of the Older American Act. (specific requirements addressed below):
 - a. Regarding Section 2 (1) (a): The Area Agencies on Aging and the State Office on Aging (Senior and Long Term Care Division's Aging Services Bureau) prepare four year plans regarding aging services to those 60 years of age or older. This planning process is required under the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended. Each year, the Area Agencies on Aging revise or update their plans based on the needs of the elderly in their service area. These plans establish service goals and objectives in meeting the needs of the elderly in each area.
 - b. Regarding Section 2 (1) (b): The requirement is being met by Area Agencies on Aging, who receive program and financial reports from the local aging service providers. These reports are combined and submitted to the State Office on a monthly basis. At the end of each contract period, annual/final reports are submitted. If additional reporting is needed to accomplish this part of the bill, additional financial resources may be needed.
 - c. Regarding Section 2 (1) (c): Under the Older Americans Act, Area Agencies on Aging are required to do annual assessments/evaluations of their projects and the State Office is required to assess Area Agencies on Aging. If corrective action is required, there is a time period and follow-up regarding the corrective action or deficiency.
 - d. Regarding Section 2 (1) (d): The department allows comments on assessment findings, recommended corrective action as well as the assessment process under the current evaluation process.

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